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The Two Roosevelt Propositions.

There are two propositions as to Mr. Roosevelt and the part he is to play next year. One is that, notwithstanding his bolt in 1912 and his denunciation of his old party associates, the republicans accept him as their leader again. The other is that he be permitted to name the republican candidate for President and vice the platform. There are very grave objections to both propositions.

The nomination of Mr. Roosevelt would be an abject surrender on the part of the republicans, and the taking over for the campaign by one of all the policies, both defined and vague, for which he stands. By this act they would confess him right in his reputation of them three years ago, and promise to be guided by him in future. Is such a thing likely? Would it not be too manifest a bid for mere power to succeed? If reduced to that pass, the republicans should surrender their name along with their principles, and adopt along with Mr. Roosevelt and his principles the name he has given to his party. Bull moosery by name should supplant republicanism.

The nomination of a man and the adoption of a platform at Mr. Roosevelt's dictation would be simply whipping the devil round the stump. The performance would deceive nobody. Everybody would understand that such a man, if elected, would either have to become Mr. Roosevelt's rubber stamp in office, or else incur Mr. Roosevelt's active hostility. Mr. Taft's experience would warn. Who, with Mr. Taft's experience before him, would now accept Mr. Roosevelt's sponsorship?

All the chances would favor a rupture and a failure. Overlordship would be resented, just as Mr. Taft resented it. The man so chosen and elected would, if worthy of his office, insist on being his own man. Faced with the responsibilities of his office, he would meet them in his own way. And that would provoke a row. But the next republican platform, while not Rooseveltian, must be progressive; and the presidential nominee, while not a Roosevelt puppet, must be a man who will receive the hearty support of the rank and file of both the progressive and conservative factions of the republican party.

While Mr. Roosevelt is quoted as being willing to accept this, or as being opposed to that, republican leader, the probability is that at present he is giving serious thought only to his own case. He wants to run for President. He is too shrewd a politician, too close an observer, not to see that bull moosery in its own right is a spent force. Not even he can revive it. And it will not be until and unless convinced there is no thoroughfare for himself that Mr. Roosevelt will take up with his friends and advisers the question of trying to dominate for or against another the republican national convention.

Dr. Cook was not permitted to visit Germany. Even if he had done so a number of people would have insisted that he did not actually make the trip.

Astrolgers as a rule predict land-slides in the Panama canal next year. On this one point they have the endorsement of no less distinguished an authority than Gen. Goethals himself.

The day will be welcome when Mexico can forget civil dissension and devote effective attention to pan-American promotion.

**The South and Preparedness.**  
In the current Commoner Mr. Bryan says:

"The south promises to render the country signal service in the fight against preparedness. Majority Leader Kitchin has already taken a strong stand against the proposed increase in the expenditures of the army and navy. Other southern representatives and senators have also announced their opposition to the program. The south is democratic, and it knows that militarism is undemocratic; the south also knows something of the horrors of war and does not want to invite war by adopting the policy of the warlike nations. Here's to the south—champion of peace and of the policy of good will."

If nothing else, this shows gratitude. Surely Mr. Bryan should remember and appreciate the south. She supported him in his three races for the presidency when northern democrats by the ten thousands bolted and defeated him. Had democratic communities elsewhere copied the south, Mr. Bryan's highest ambition would have been gratified.

Still, it would be well for the south to remember that Mr. Bryan, with all his good qualities, is a bit fickle. It was while canvassing for votes for himself in one of his presidential races that he proclaimed, in gratitude for favors received and in soliciting more favors, "Great is Tammany, and Croker is its prophet!" And yet at Baltimore in 1912 Mr. Bryan all but drove Tammany out of the convention, and used it as an instru-

ment for defeating Mr. Clark for the nomination. Mr. Bryan's eyes are no more fixed on the south at this time than are the eyes of many others. In appraising Congress some critics of the democracy shake a warning finger, and remark that "the south is in the saddle." Their meaning is that the country, under southern influences, will be denied progressive legislation.

In a sense the south is in the saddle. Sons of hers hold the most influential assignments in both houses of Congress. But they are there by reason of their length of service and the ability they have shown in office. They constitute the old guard. They are veterans, with scars to their credit. They have been fighting the democracy's battles for many years.

The battle now opening will be a battle indeed. As usual, the south will command a great deal of attention. How will she carry herself? Will she support the policy advocated by the President and all the expert knowledge of the country? or will she fight under the white flag of millennialism, and try to deny to the country the defenses which it voted will prove of as much importance and advantage to her as to the other sections?

Here's to the south—as much American as the north, and, in a patriotic sense, with as much at stake.

**The Sanatorium Protest.**  
An early decision is indicated at the District building in the matter of the protest by residents of the Chevy Chase region against the sanatorium that has been established there under a license issued by the District government. It is time the case was settled, as far as the Commissioners can settle it. Nearly nine months have elapsed since the arguments were made and meanwhile the conditions of which the residents complain have continued.

It is primarily doubtful whether upon the filing of an application for the establishment of an institution of this character the case should be treated in a routine manner, and the permit issued without the most careful examination, to ascertain whether the enterprise will be injurious to property or a menace to the peace and safety of the dwellers. That such a consideration was had in the beginning in this instance is questioned. The fact that immediately upon the character of the institution becoming known a protest arose seems to demonstrate that if the Commissioners had asked for an expression of public opinion in the beginning the project would have been promptly vetoed. Again, no precaution appears to have been taken to make the institution secure. It is not surrounded by a wall, such as an establishment of this kind, for the treatment of cases of mental disorder, should always have. Escapes have occurred, and whether those who have been at large were dangerous or harmless, the fact that they were inmates or patients of a private insane asylum fully justified the fears of the neighbors.

A recent tragedy in Louisiana, in which a former inmate of this sanatorium killed two persons in a fit of insanity, has justifiably served to increase the apprehensions of the residents of the country around the establishment. The Commissioners should, in disposing finally of this case, consider whether or not injustice was done to the home-owners of the affected section in the initial licensing of the institution. They should take into account the evident fact that a state of alarm has been caused by the escapes or paroles. They should regard as primary the well-being and peace of mind of the dwellers who acquired their properties before this establishment was located there, and the business interests of the institution as secondary.

If Noah's ark could be kept peaceful with so many temperamental variations represented in its passenger list there is no reason why the dove should not feel perfectly at home on Mr. Ford's ship.

It has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated that no amount of advice will end the war in Europe.

"Merry Christmas" this year was very largely a made-in-America article.

Austria has not yet offered the plea that she did not know the submarine was loaded.

**A Hall of Archives.**  
Several important national organizations, comprising in their membership some of the leading workers in historical and sociological lines in this country, yesterday in a special session called for the purpose adopted resolutions urging upon Congress the necessity of an immediate provision for the erection in this city of a hall of archives. The need of such a building has been brought again and again to the attention of the legislators. It has been presented in the reports of department and bureau chiefs. The Star has for many years been insistent in its representation of the danger to which the government's records are constantly exposed through the lack of a secure structure for their safe keeping. The fact that no great fire has occurred in recent years in any of the public offices, though some of them are notoriously unsafe in this respect, seems to have been accepted as justification of delay, although there was ample demonstration of peril in the patent office fire of about thirty-seven years ago, which destroyed documents of great value and many record models of inventions. Despite that warning the patent office is today a place of constant danger, and a fire there would be incalculably disastrous. There are many tons of records

that could easily be separated from the main files of the departments and stored in a central hall of archives. If they are worth keeping they are worth safeguarding. They are not safe in any of the office buildings, however stout those structures may be in respect of fire resistance, for the daily occupation of the rooms is an undeniable source of peril to perishable papers. The only secure place for these records that must be preserved and that are not of current use is in a building specially designed for their housing, not used for clerical work, with every known safeguard against fire and water.

Such a building should be centrally located. It should be more than a warehouse. It should be of dignified and attractive design, as befits its important use. When the government gets to the point of making this dangerously delayed provision for its permanent files it should not do it in a cheap and makeshift manner, to save a few thousand dollars, but should erect a hall of archives that will be commensurate with its importance.

**More Munitions Plot Charges.**

The latest indictments in New York on the munitions plot charges, which have already been brought against a number of persons, include several of a different character than the preceding. This finding of the grand jury is especially notable in the accusation of a present member of Congress, a former member, and a former attorney general of Ohio.

If the federal grand jury in New York has not been tremendously mistaken in its judgment of the testimony adduced before it, a conspiracy reaching far and wide has been brought into being for the purpose of crippling the munitions plants and the transportation facilities in this country. The partisan character of this endeavor is, of course, apparent. It is to the interest of the central powers of Europe to prevent the making and shipment of arms and ammunition from the United States to the allied nations, their enemies. That men of German birth, or close descent, should engage in such endeavors, however illegal from the point of view of American law, is not unnatural. But that American citizens, in no wise identified with the German cause, should attempt by unlawful means to prevent this traffic is a crime against the country and every man who is engaged in the plots to check the munitions supply by unlawful means should, if detected, suffer a severe penalty.

The high office of one of the latest defendants against the New York charges will not shield him if he is guilty. He has already charged the federal district attorney of New York with malfeasance and other offenses, and he may secure a hearing before the House of Representatives that will cover the merits of the case. But whether the facts are brought out in Congress or in court, the truth must be had.

Fortunately, differences of opinion as to when the war will end do not figure as influences to further embitter the conflict.

The new year will witness the customary demonstrations, but the real excitement will begin after the conventions assemble in June.

Lloyd-George can depend on more success in getting men into the trenches than Henry Ford has had in getting them out.

A political crisis that would have caused consternation some years ago is now only a passing incident.

The grip germ is no respecter of a Happy New Year sentiment.

**SHOOTING STARS.**

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

**Locating a Date.**  
"Can you tell without looking at the calendar when Easter is coming?"  
"Not exactly. But I can get a general idea about it by looking in the shop windows."

**That Holiday Sadness.**  
Oh, friend, when you are feeling blue, Before you bid your fond hopes fly Be sure your sorrowing is not due To too much turkey and mince pie.

**Seasonable Credulity.**  
"Does your boy believe in a Santa Claus who rewards only good children?"  
"He did. But he won't again till next November."

"Santa Claus ain't supposed to show no favoritism," said Uncle Eben, "but I's go my s'picious dat folks dat hung up silk stockin's found more jewelry in 'em dan folks dat hung up hand-knit wool."

**New Problem.**  
"How has prohibition worked in Crimmon Gulch?"  
"Fine," replied Broncho Bob, "only it has brought along new problems. The boys is so crazy about drinkin' water that we're afraid there won't be enough left fur irrigation purposes."

**1916.**  
Turn over, turn over Another new leaf, And seek to discover A balm for our grief. Where birds once were winging The Zeppelins fly, Where once we heard singing There's only a sigh.

Oh, let a new story Begin on engage, Write peace and its glory On history's page. Let's smell the sweet clover And gather the sheaf. Turn over, turn over Another new leaf.

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Silks, taffetas, crepes, in a variety of models and colors. Former prices from \$25.00 to \$75.00.  
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Serge and Silk combinations; beautiful velvet and silk combinations and pretty taffeta silks; many models and colors. Former prices, \$25.00 to \$45.00.

**Clearance Prices on Misses' and Girls' Suits and Coats.**  
New and Attractive Styles in Which Are Seen all the Latest and Best Ideas in Fabrics, Colors and Trimmings. They Are Very Smart and Well Liked.  
**MISSES' SUITS.**  
Tweeds, mixtures, corduroys, gabardines and serges, in sizes 14 to 18. They have been selling at \$18.75.  
**MISSES' SUITS.**  
Broadcloths, fur trimmed; also whipcords and gabardines in good models and colors. Former prices were from \$25.00 to \$37.50.  
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Plain colored broadcloths, fur trimmed; novelty imported mixtures, plain zibelines, in sizes 14 to 18 years. The original prices were from \$12.75 to \$29.50.  
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Velvets, chinchillas, zibelines, corduroys, broadcloths and mixtures; good models and serviceable colors. Former prices, \$7.50 to \$19.75.

**The Sale of Women's Suits at \$18.75.**  
Garments Formerly Selling Up to \$35.00.  
—Is Only One of the Very Interesting Values to be Found in Our Semi-Annual Clearance of Women's Suits Which We Are Now Conducting.  
This is a legitimate and straightforward reduction sale—no Suits specially bought and nothing that is old or undesirable—but every Suit new, stylish and perfect to the smallest and least important detail or description.  
There are Suits in the sale for dress, semi-dress, skating, motoring, calling, church, theater, street and tailored wear; in the finest and most elegant fabrics and the plainer and more durable kinds—ranging from broadcloths to serges and mixtures.  
Mentioned above are various models, some trimmed with fur, others with braid and many plainly tailored. They are of broadcloths, serge, poplins, whipcords, gabardines and all the choice and smart weaves—in many beautiful colors. All sizes are included, but not all sizes of any one particular design or quality of suit, but excellent selection for every woman.

**Every Man Can Feel Secure When Buying Clothes in Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale.**  
The sale which is now going on here in our Men's Clothing Store is a genuine one—a clearance through and through. Our own stock of Suits and Overcoats—and the reductions are great enough to make purchase at this time desirable and profitable. The original price tags are left on each garment so you can see that it is a genuine sale if you entertain any doubt about it.  
You should come in and see the garments for yourself. They will tell you more in a few minutes' inspection than a very lengthy announcement of ours. They will prove in a minute that they are exceptional values—prices actually reduced, and that they are stylish and handsome.  
We have a better and more varied display for this sale than ever before. Suits are in browns, grays, blues, green—new shades and combinations; Glen Urquharts and Tartans. Overcoats in light and dark oxfords, browns, blues, fancy effects, checks. With or without velvet collars, form-fitting or loose backs.  
**EVERY SUIT AND OVERCOAT IS A REMARKABLE VALUE.**  
**\$14.75—For Suits and Overcoats that were up to \$20.**  
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Shirts for dress with plain linen or pique bosoms, plaited bosoms or the soft mushroom bosoms; \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.  
Knitted Silk Scarfs or Reefers; new showing just arrived Monday, in plain gray, white and black; and also the accordion two-toned weaves finished with stripes and fringed ends; \$3.50 to \$10.00.  
Silk Knitted Reefers, finished with fringe; white and black; \$6.00.  
Dress Gloves, white kid with self or black stitching or embroidery, also Mocha and Suede with self or black embroidery; \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25.  
Silk Hose, in all plain colors—white, black and gray; 50c to \$1.50.  
Dress Ties; plain lawn; pique, barthea and silk; 25c, 50c and \$1.00.  
Black and Gray Silk Ties for tuxedo and dinner wear; 50c and \$1.00.  
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Main floor, F street.

**The New and Beautiful Modes in Blouses Are Here.**  
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Chiffon Blouses, in navy blue, green, brown, black, wistaria and white; \$5.00 to \$12.50.  
Black Chiffon and Lace Blouses made over white chiffon linings, with convertible collars and long sleeves, some embroidered in colors and others with vestee and sleeves of lace; \$5.00 to \$17.50.  
Georgette Crepe Blouses with beaded fronts, in white and flesh; \$7.50 to \$9.75.  
Black Crepe de Chine and Peau de Sole Blouses, with button trimming; \$3.25 to \$6.75.  
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New Year's Eve Night is becoming a great event—the carnival spirit and frolic and fun reign supreme. We have everything for those who want to enjoy it to the fullest. Novelties, Favors, Snaps, Mottos, Caps, Hats, Noises Makers, Confetti, Serpentine and Masquerade Suits in an extensive variety of styles.  
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